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- Encl: (1) History of the Naval Air Station Oceana 1 January 1975 -
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(2) Official biography and photograph of Captain W. D. Knutson,
Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Oceana
(3) Official biography and photograph of Captain J. A. Muka, Jr.,
Executive Officer of Naval Air Station Oceana
(4) Naval Air Station Oceana's Unofficial Welcome Aboard Map
(5) Naval Air Station Oceana's Unofficial Directory and Guide

1. In accordance with reference (a) report OPNAV 5750-1 is forwarded
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HISTORY OF THE NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA
1 JANUARY 1975 - 31 DECEMBER 1975

Narrative

Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia is the Navy's largest Master Jet Base on the East Coast. To qualify as a Master Jet Base, NAS Oceana has two satellite bases. They are Tangier Island, located off the coast of Patuxent River, Maryland, and Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress, located seven miles south of Naval Air Station Oceana.

The total acreage of NAS Oceana including NALF Fentress is 8,675.2 acres. Its value has increased from an acquisition cost of \$2,709.02 in 1940 to an estimated value of \$20M in 1975. Further indication of NAS Oceana's growth and activity are the 9,000 military men and women attached to the station and squadrons home-based here, the 562 Civil Service employees, the 25,000 registered automobiles and the \$61M payroll. There are between 11,000 and 15,000 operations, take-offs or landings, each month.

The mission of Naval Air Station Oceana is to support the attack and fighter squadrons of Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet (COMNAVAIRLANT). The station is under the military command of Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic (COMTACWINGSLANT).

Captain Wilbert D. Knutson, USN, is the Commanding Officer of the station and Captain Joseph A. Muka, Jr., USN, is the Executive Officer.

Of the six carrier air wings in the Atlantic Fleet, five are home-based at NAS Oceana: Carrier Air Wings ONE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT AND SEVENTEEN (CVW-1, CVW-6, CVW-7, CVW-8, CVW-17) with a combination of 13 Fighter and Attack squadrons. Also home-based at Oceana are three squadrons from Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3). In addition to the carrier-based squadrons, there are five permanently assigned squadrons: Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE (VF-101) and FORTY-THREE (VF-43), Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO (VA-42), Fleet Composite Squadron TWO (VC-2) and Reserve Fleet Composite Squadron TWELVE (VC-12). NAS Oceana based squadrons fly the A-6 Intruder, F-4 Phantom II, A-4 Skyhawk and the Navy's newest jet fighter the F-14 Tomcat.

Departmental activities of significance in 1975 include:

Air Operations

In August Air Operations Maintenance Division personnel received a citation from COMNAVAIRLANT for two years of accident free operations.

Due to runway repairs at Langley AFB, NAS Oceana hosted four USAF EC 135s (Airborne Command Posts) from the first week in September through the last week in November.

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In June the second E-28 bi-directional arresting gear was installed at ALF Fentress.

Beginning 11 December Prior Permission was required for transient aircraft landing at NAS Oceana.

NAS Oceana's search and rescue unit responded to, and successfully completed, 27 rescue missions.

Nineteen thousand, three hundred and ninety-five passengers and 2,092,013 pounds of cargo passed through NAS Oceana's Air Terminal.

Educational Services

The Educational Services Office continued to perform its normal functions of administering Navy-Wide Advancement examinations and monthly military leadership and airman/seaman tests; issuing and ordering correspondence courses; assisting personnel with tuition aid, VA and PREP applications and counseling personnel on advancement, various Navy educational programs and off-duty educational opportunities.

Notable among 1975 accomplishments were the replacement of our GED school with the Concordia Prep High School Diploma Program, and the installation of a full time Navy Campus for Achievement Advisor aboard the station. The Concordia Prep High School Diploma Program is a 12-week self-paced course which provides the graduate with a high school diploma from Bellarmine High School in Washington state. One hundred seventy people enrolled in the four classes conducted during the year, and sixty seven students graduated from the first three classes.

November saw the installation of Oceana's Navy Campus for Achievement Advisor, Mr. Alex Osborne, into his own office. He is available every day for individual counseling on educational opportunities.

First Lieutenant

The First Lieutenant's Division continued to assist Public Works with grounds maintenance activities, did essential jobs for the BEQs, Security, etc., and performed the major role in maintenance of base cleanliness.

Bachelor Enlisted Quarters. A centralized management concept was implemented which resulted in NAS Oceana being one of the three finalists for the Admiral Zumwalt Award for Excellence in Bachelor Enlisted Quarters management.

Ground Electronics Maintenance

The following projects were started or completed by the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division during 1975:

The flight certification of the Station's ACLS was completed in January giving the station the capability to train pilots on the Automatic Carrier Landing System.

In February the voice recording system for the Blue Room was expanded to give coverage to all frequencies and positions. A new radar video mapper system was installed to replace the system that had been in operation since 1962.

In May the Fentress Tacan unit and the station's precision radar underwent extensive field maintenance projects to return both units to full capabilities.

Work began in June on the installations of the radar tower foundation for VACAPES FACSFAC project.

Installation of the new UHF/VHF equipments was begun in July. Work was completed at all remote facilities and the station's receiver building.

The AN/FPN-47 radar antenna was replaced by GEMD in August with the assistance of the Public Works Department.

In September the Brite II system was reinstalled after completion of a system overhaul.

The contract for the rehabilitation of Building 3030 was awarded in November and work began on the operational spaces for the VACAPES FACSFAC project.

In December the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division relocated two of its work centers to new spaces in Building 102.

"I" Division

"I" Division sent approximately 300 new NAS Oceana personnel through base indoctrination class, Career Information School, Drug Awareness class, and UPWARD Seminars during 1975.

Personal Services

Personal Services continued in its efforts to provide information and referral service to Navy personnel and dependents. Over 3,000 Welcome Aboard brochures were provided to personnel and their families with orders to NAS Oceana and its tenant activities. The material enclosed in the Welcome Aboard brochures included pamphlets contributed by the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce and various area Public Affairs Offices.

During the year 88 wives attended the Oceana Navy Wives Service Information School and found it most informative and beneficial.

Public Affairs

NAS Oceana held a Bicentennial Air Show and Open House on 16 and 17 August to celebrate the Nation's upcoming 200th anniversary. Directly or indirectly, it was supported by nearly all station departments and tenant activities and attended by approximately 50 thousand visitors.

In April NAS Oceana distributed its second Unofficial Directory and Guide, a handsome, blue covered, 60-page welcome aboard type directory containing general information about NAS and its tenant activities plus personal services available. This publication was well received.

The Jet Observer discontinued publication as a Civilian Enterprise newspaper in June. Special editions of the Jet Observer were printed from July through December. A one-year contract was awarded to Dear Publications & Radio, Inc., of Elizabeth City, N. C. in December to print the paper during 1976 utilizing appropriated funds.

An attractive and handy Welcome Aboard brochure was printed in red, white and blue Bicentennial colors and made available for distribution in November. Within its color pages are detailed maps of the station and local area, important telephone numbers and a history of NAS. The brochure is made available to newcomers and visitors alike.

During 1975 the Public Affairs Office processed 82 fleet home town stories and gave guided tours of the base and tenant commands to approximately 3,000 persons including 1,378 ROTC cadets.

Public Works

The Public Works Department continued its role of providing and maintaining support facilities for the fleet squadrons and the supporting units assigned to NAS Oceana. The most evident support was in the continuing expansion of the support facilities through military construction and special project programs. During 1975, six major projects were completed.

In July construction of a pipe line and pumping facility were completed at NALF Fentress. This will result in a significant reduction in fuel consumption and aircraft flight time without degradation to the training syllabus.

In September the first increment of a utilities expansion program was completed. The water and sanitary sewer distribution systems were extended to support both existing and planned facilities.

There was a major energy conservation project to replace all steam line insulation. This work was completed in September. A significant decrease in fuel consumption was noted as this work progressed.

There are several flight simulators located at Oceana. In October, another operational flight trainer was accepted for the Navy. This trainer will permit extended simulated training in the TA-4J aircraft.

Also during the month of October, the addition of the Navy Exchange was completed. This was part of a much needed expansion program.

There is a continuing major program to modernize Oceana's runway lighting. In May, the second increment of modernization was completed. This included replacement of control cables for the approach lighting system

enabling air traffic controllers to adjust the brightness from the tower. In November, the third increment was completed. This included replacement of all primary wiring and control cables to the wheels-up, wave-off warning lights.

Ground was broken for several other major projects during 1975.

In April, a contract was let to extend the steam distribution system. This will provide steam to planned facilities and permit the replacement of more costly electric heat.

Work was started in June on another aircraft simulator. This simulator will permit advanced weapons training for A-6E familiarization.

Major repairs were also begun in June on the roof of Hangar 122. This building had been subject to major flooding prior to awarding the contract.

In July, a contract was awarded to correct an ever increasing erosion problem that had developed in areas adjacent to the high power turn up areas.

A significant contract was awarded in September to overlay the asphalt portion of the runways. This will insure the serviceability of the runways for several years.

To supplement the self help work that had been in progress in the BEQs, a contract was awarded in November to correct the discrepancies beyond the expertise of the self helpers. This work will include roof, shower, and door repairs.

The tempo of operations at Oceana remains high and was reflected in the short deadline imposed when preparing the F-14 FRAMP facility project. This contract was awarded in December. When completed, squadron level maintenance training on the F-14 will be conducted at Oceana.

Oceana has continued to make maximum use of every available dollar. Nowhere is this more evident than in the award of the contract to construct the auto hobby shop in December. Using self helpers, the base prepared the site for the contractors to erect the basic structure. When the shell is completed, the interior work will be done, again using self helpers.

Lastly, the station was treated to a Christmas present as the new medical-dental dispensary contract was awarded for 3.3 million dollars. Construction of this facility will mark a new standard for service to personnel stationed at Oceana and their dependents.

Expanding on the self help concept, the Seabees of CBU-415 and station forces combined to take on several projects designed to enhance the living conditions for the sailors onboard the station. A major project was undertaken during the first half of 1975 where by many discrepancies

in the BEQ complex were corrected utilizing funds provided by BUPERS. Most notable of these were the repairs to the suspended ceiling system, plumbing repairs, painting, retiling and a general refurnishing. This has resulted in a higher standard for the BEQs. More work will always be necessary, but the work completed to date has set an excellent standard. Other self help work has included complete face lifting of the galley interior and restoration work to various tot lots at both family housing and at the station nursery.

The continued effort in energy conservation has shown dramatic effects with a recorded 15 percent reduction in energy consumption. This is a continuing program with new emphasis planned for 1976. Of particular note in this area was the interest shown in improving the boiler plant efficiency. The entire plant was refurbished with three of four boilers having been completely retubed and new automated controls installed. Efforts are now continuing to monitor the boiler efficiency utilizing the latest testing techniques. The use of oil additives is being pursued.

The base wide implementation of a station appearance improvement program has reflected in a new look at Oceana, due in part to the efforts of the Public Works Department. Exterior preservation of buildings was given special emphasis and keyed to the station color scheme. Already, two warehouses, the RR garage, the boiler plant, the Navy Exchange complex and two hangars have been repaired and painted. Grounds maintenance has received special emphasis. The frequency of grass mowing was increased to facilitate drainage and improve appearance. The station made use of a reknown landscape specialist and implemented several of his ideas into the grounds maintenance program. Included in this were replantings around the Administration Building, the main and rear gates, and the EM club. Work also began on a proposed memorial to be located adjacent to the Chapel in remembrance of aviators stationed at NAS Oceana.

NAS Oceana continued its vigorous program of identifying all sources of possible pollution. Programmed action was included in the long range plans for the station. Of recent significance was the closing of the sewage treatment plant on the station. The plant had been operated under the auspices of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. As a result of the plant closure, all wastes were diverted to the main treatment plant.

In Public Works, there were subtle changes as the department tried to improve their service to the station. This was reflected in several areas.

Increased availability of transportation and improvement of the transportation fleet appearance.

Increased attention to service/work requests. A program to provide more positive scheduling was initiated. Emphasis was placed on closer supervision of the work force. This resulted in both increased productivity and better customer relations.

The continuing effort to keep interested commands appraised of the operation of the Public Works Department resulted in a closer scrutiny of all reports and correspondence. Improvements were significant in this area. Of particular note was the attention given to the annual inspection summary, a listing of facilities deficiencies. A closer review of the facilities has given a more accurate assessment of the backlog of work to be done and has reiterated the need for additional inspections and the need for preventive maintenance work.

In summary, 1975 has been a good year for Public Works. The ground work was laid which should permit the department to grow and improve.

Safety

Oceana's Motorcycle Safety Course instructed 194 civilian and military personnel in the intricacies of motorcycle safety. This course, sanctioned and approved by the U. S. Navy, is staffed entirely by volunteers dedicated to the safe operation of cycles.

Special Services

The Special Services Offices were relocated into the old Credit Union spaces in 1975.

The riding ring at the Stables was lighted and a new exterior installed on the barn.

A new Golf Course irrigation pumping station was installed and approximately 200 trees transplanted along with numerous other improvements including a new tee, a new green and extended cart paths.

The Skeet Complex was equipped with permanent head and sewerage facilities.

The Child Care Center expanded its services by instituting weekly working mothers and Friday/Saturday night child care.

The Theater was refurbished with a complete patching and painting and a new sound system.

The Enlisted Pool was lighted to accommodate night parties.

Projects providing for increased recreational opportunities were pursued. Their 1975 status includes:

New 23 stall Automotive Hobby Shop; contract being let.

A new Boat and Camper facility in building I-17 doubling its capabilities was approved and work has started.

New Community Youth Center; approved.

New Playing Courts; 4 tennis, 4 combination volleyball/basketball, approved and in A & E stages.

Two new lighted Ball fields with permanent heads and maintenance facilities; approved.

NAS Oceana played host to the following tournaments and special events in addition to the Captain's Cup programs, which offered 10 Varsity and 15 Intramural programs:

- (1) All Navy Skeet and Trap Championships
- (2) Atlantic Fleet Skeet and Trap Championships
- (3) Atlantic Fleet Golf Championships
- (4) Atlantic Fleet Volleyball Championships
- (5) South Atlantic Regional Bowling Championships
- (6) East Coast International Skeet and Trap Championships
- (7) Fifth Naval District Basketball Championships
- (8) Fifth Naval District Slow Pitch Softball Championships
- (9) Fifth Naval District Golf Championships
- (10) Fifth Naval District Skeet and Trap Championships
- (11) Fifth Naval District Indoor Pistol Championships
- (12) Fifth Naval District Monthly Gallery Pistol Tournaments
- (13) Virginia State International Skeet and Trap Champ's
- (14) NRA Atlantic Coast Skeet and Trap Championships
- (15) NRA Zone 3 Skeet and Trap Championships
- (16) Jack Daniels Open Skeet and Trap Championships
- (17) Oceana Open Golf Championship (Navy Day)
- (18) 4th of July Softball Tournaments
- (19) Annual Boxing Show
- (20) Annual Donkey Ball Game
- (21) Commanding Officers Invitational Golf Tournament
- (22) Thirty three additional Golf Tournaments
- (23) Youth programs and events in bowling and swimming
- (24) 2ND Annual NAS Oceana Horse Show

Supply

The term "Fixed Allowances" began to be heard in various echelons of the supply system and news filtered down that a new program was being designed for repairables management at the field level based on a directive contained in OPNAVINST 4400.9. On 5 March 1975, planning began in earnest to identify the impact of a fixed allowance environment on NAS Oceana; how to comply with the inherent changes and new features, and to what extent aircraft readiness would be affected. The program, as designed, required one-for-one exchange of units with squadrons, stock replenishment only after BCM action occurred, DTO requisitioning only after BCM action occurred, and total asset visibility on the MSIR (Master Stock Item Record). Through the year, directives were issued, conferences held and plans firmed to meet the NAS Oceana implementation date of 9 April 1976.

In July NAS Oceana and other air stations supporting J52 aircraft jet engines were scheduled to implement Project Recover. This program set up stringent management control procedures for J52 engine components and required each command to ensure that detailed documentation and

clear audit trails existed for each engine component transaction. Preceding implementation, a complete wall-to-wall inventory was held in order to locate all assets and take up on official records. The results of this inventory were reported to the ASO (Aviation Supply Office), Philadelphia, Pa. A key feature of Project Recover is the assignment of a fixed allowance of jet engine components to an air station and the ability of the station to operate within that limitation.

In early July the ASO implemented a changeover in management criteria on nearly 19,000 repairable items of repairable material. This change affected nearly 1,300 line items of material carried by NAS Oceana Supply Department. The major impact of this change was centered on the increased aircraft maintenance costs because the items changed were originally investment material and became expense type material resulting in charges to the type commander's operating dollars. Some expense was offset when the item exchanged by the squadron was repaired and returned to the shelf ready for issue.

The Supply Department implemented logistic support in July for VC-12, a newly assigned Naval Reserve squadron flying A-4L aircraft. Reviews were conducted of A-4 usage from NAF Detroit and compared with existing range and depth of stock. It was determined that adequate supplies were on hand to be augmented only as a need arose.

On 2 July 1975, CNO published a Fixed Allowance implementation schedule calling for all applicable stations to be operational by 1 December 1975.

On 1 August 1975, as a result of a request from NAS Oceana, the Naval Supply System Command Headquarters authorized the modification of MILSTRIP Project Codes. Heretofore, when a squadron requested material on a NORS basis and later the need lost its urgency, the requisition was cancelled and resubmitted. The new procedure revised that rule and preserved the processing action already taken. Moreover, readiness reporting was enhanced by purifying the Not Operationally Ready Supply requirements listing.

After considerable planning effort by the ASO, a remote terminal (KSR Model 35 Teletype) was installed at NAS Oceana on 5 September 1975. This terminal allowed NAS Oceana Supply Department direct access into the ASO Computer. Any information or data in the computer became immediately available to supply managers. For example, upon request, the computer will give world-wide visibility of a particular item of supply under the cognizance of ASO. It will also supply the current status of NAS Oceana requisitions held by ASO. Speedier acquisition of high-priority parts resulted from data supplied through the remote terminal.

On 30 September 1975, the Naval Supply Systems Command directed the establishment of the ASCC (Aviation Supply Control Center). The ASCC has a primary mission of decreasing NORS by monitoring and expediting NORS requisitions. Accordingly, NAS Oceana will be required to actively participate by supplying a report to the ASCC each time a NORS

requirement is generated off-station or a previously submitted item is completed or cancelled. Because of ASCC, the highest supply management echelon will have overall and detailed visibility of aviation supply problems and lend its considerable muscle to their solutions.

As the year progresses, another aircraft was added to NAS Oceana inventory and logistic support planning put into gear. VF-43 began operating four T-38 aircraft in an adversary role. Support problems were somewhat alleviated due to the fact the Northrop supply personnel handle most supply processing. The direct line of support is to Air Force, with common "nuts and bolts" provided by Navy. During October, Project Recover was implemented for J79 aircraft jet engines under the same regulations set up for the J52 engines in July 1975.

Beginning on 6 November 1975, COMNAVAIRLANT instituted the "America Express" program designed to provide supply support from NAS Oceana to F-14A aircraft aboard USS AMERICA during REFTRA operations. This program was established to offset the temporary gaps in AVCAL support provided to the USS AMERICA. Essentially, any F-14A material requirements unable to be satisfied by the ship would be referred directly to NAS Oceana Supply Department for action. After REFTRA operations were concluded, the "America Express" program would be discontinued.

On 17 November 1975, the ASO ASIG (Aviation Support Improvement Group) visited NAS Oceana for a one-week period to review procedural systems for compliance. The team delved into all of the key supply processing systems and local performance in providing supply support to the fleet. Recommendations for improvement were made and responded to and a subsequent report of the visit was received from the Commanding Officer, ASO with his personal comments. This last significant event closed out the year and found the Supply Department gearing up to meet the new programs and challenges of the year ahead.

Weapons

The Weapons Department implemented the All-Up-Round (AUR) guided missile concept at Oceana in 1975. Under the AUR concept guided missiles are received as "ready to shoot" complete rounds rather than individual components. Some advantages are reduced delivery time, reduced storage space, greater reliability and reduced accounting. The Weapons Department also received testing equipment for ensuring Phoenix Missiles are "UP" when issued to F-14 fleet squadrons. Additionally, Weapons Department personnel issued some 28,000 items to tenant and station activities while the Missile Division conducted 54 missile exercises, entailing some 690 missiles.

Chronology

January

- 14 Rear Admiral R. H. Gormley, Atlantic Fleet Inspector General, visited Oceana.
- 15 Commemorative services were held for Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., in the station Chapel.

16 Administered E-7 advancement examinations.

20-23 Four-day F-14 Tomcat Review Conference was held at the BOQ. VADM F. H. Michaelis, COMNAVAIRLANT, was the guest speaker.

29 Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company supervisors toured the station.

30 The 1975 National Prayer Breakfast was held in the Seahorse Enlisted Club.

During January Base wide energy conservation measures were taken including 50 percent reduction in lighting in public spaces and 25 percent in office areas.

Oceana Automatic Carrier Landing System awarded flight certification.

February

3 Andre' Kole, world famous illusionist, appears at station Theatre.

3-7 Station hosts 1975 Fifth Naval District Basketball Tournament.

5 Commanding Officer hosts Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Seminar for Virginia Beach and Chesapeake City Council members, planning commissioners, mayors, realtors and press media.

10 Commenced first 12-week Concordia Prep High School Program.

17-21 NALF Fentress undergoes week long firefighting inspection by LANTDIVNAVFACENG command area fire marshall.

21 New members of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce tour Oceana.

25 Stamford Research Institute team interviews Commanding Officer on transportation problems.

During February Bupers enlisted detailers visited Oceana to council.

Black History Week recognized in base newspaper.

Norfolk Police Chief A. J. Brown lectures Golden Gate graduate student class at the O' Club.

F-14 contractors and sub-contractors meeting held at Oceana.

Held semi-annual E-4, 5 and 6 advancement examinations.

March

- 5 Vice Admiral H. E. Greer, new COMNAVAIRLANT, visited station for briefing and tour.
- 7 Station holds formal Dining-In ceremony at the O' Club.
- 11 Major General W. J. McCaddin, Virginia National Guard, visited Commanding Officer to discuss Camp Pendleton.
- 18 Commanding Officer and Mayor J. Curtis Payne of Virginia Beach welcome CVW-3 pilots home from Mediteranean cruise.
- 19 Ian Howard, Candian artist, visited base to make wax rubbings of aircraft.
- 21 Ten Naval Flight Officer candidates from Cleveland Recruiting area toured the base.
- Congressman G. William Whitehurst visited the Commanding Officer.
- 26 Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the NAS Oceana Federal Credit Union was held in the station theatre.
- AFC1 (b) (6) of the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department was selected as Oceana's Sailor of the Year and presented awards.
- 31 Captain Joseph A. Muka, jr. relieves Captain William F. Rau as Oceana Executive Officer.
- During March Work area bus service was reestablished as conservation effort.
- NAS Oceana announced winner of the Fifth Annual NAVAIRLANT Golden Mike Award for outstanding internal communications.
- Oceana hosts Fifth Naval District Pistol Championship.

April

- 1 VF-142 and VF-143 arrive from NAS Miramar in California to make their new home at Oceana.
- 3 HMS Ark Royal Air Group visits Oceana during carrier's visit to Norfolk.
- 10 Rear Admiral William G. Miller, JAGC, Deputy JAG/Director Navy Legal Service, visited the Commanding Officer.
- 17 Grumman Aerospace Corporation Executives visited the Commanding Officer.

19-20 British Air Group, Squadrons 892 and 809, depart Oceana on HMS Ark Royal.

21 Virginia State Senator Joe Canada was guest speaker at Safe Drive Council Meeting.

23 Tactical Forward Air Control Post Survey Team visited the station.

During April Oceana's second annual Civilian Enterprise Unofficial Directory and Guide was made available for distribution.

May

4 The 1975 Navy Relief Fund Drive began at Oceana.

15 Vice Admiral H. E. Greer, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, made his first flight in a F-14 Tomcat assigned to VF-143.

16 Commanding Officer presented Ombudsman Badges to Mrs. Dorthy Rau and Mrs. Martha Rohr.

17 Oceana float entered in Virginia Beach Armed Forces Day Parade. Captain Knutson parade coordinator.

19 Captain W. A. Schroeder, Jr., former NAS Oceana Commanding Officer, escorted 80 student visitors to Oceana for a tour of the station.

20 Oceana inspected by Rear Admiral R. H. Gormley, CINCLANTFLT Inspector General.

31 A Fuels Farm enlisted man, ABF3 (b)(6), is credited with rescuing a teenage swimmer from a borrow pit.

During May NALF Fentress TACAN unit and the station's precision radar received extensive field maintenance.

June

2-4 COMTACWINGSLANT conducted Triennium Administrative Inspection of NAS Oceana.

5 First lawn judging was held at base housing and winners were selected in five categories.

9 Rear Admiral R. E. Rumble, Commandant Fifth Naval District, visits the Commanding Officer.

17 Sixty five Canadian Forces Staff College students visited the station.

- 19 Published last edition of the Jet Observer as a Civilian Enterprise newspaper.
- 20 NAS Oceana held its first sports decathlon.
- Admiral J. H. Holloway III, Chief of Naval Operations, visited Oceana for briefings and a tour of the base.
- 24 Mr. Thomas Kyrus, Kyrus Realty, discussed Fentress area development and the Navy's AICUZ plan for the area with the Commanding Officer.
- Summer Story Time for dependent children 4-7 years old began at the station library.
- 26 Vice Admiral W. A. Hauser, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air, visited the base.
- During June Work began on the installation of another A-6E aircraft simulator.
- The Jet Observer base newspaper received the CHINFO Merit Award for its excellent Valentine's Day front page depicting the Professional Navy Couple.
- The second E-28 bi-directional arresting gear was installed at NALF Fentress.
- Work began to install radar tower foundation for VACAPES FACSFAC project.
- Wives clubs members painted station fire hydrants in a revolutionary theme to salute the Nation's Bicentennial.

July

- 1 Project Recover implemented for J52 aircraft jet engines by the Supply Department.
- The Supply Department migrated nearly 1,300 line items of repairable material from 2R cognizance (investment) to 1R cognizance (expense).
- The Supply Department prepared and implemented logistic support system for VC-12, a newly assigned Reserve squadron.
- Station enlisted personnel officially switched to the new Navy uniform.
- Alcohol Rehabilitation Drydock (ARD) began counseling operations at Oceana.

Reserve Fleet Composite Squadron Twelve (VC-12) officially based at Oceana following transfer from Detroit, Michigan.

15 CVW-6 pilots were welcomed home from their deployment to the Mediteranean aboard the carrier, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

18 Commanding Officer discussed airport impact on cities study with Dr. Pindue and Professor Kasbab on referral by City of Virginia Beach.

22 The mini-bike trail sponsored by the City of Virginia Beach and located on NAS Oceana property was formally opened for use.

24 Memorandum of Agreement with Golden Gate University signed.

During The first annual Fighter Country Fling was held in new
July NAS Hangar 404. The two-day affair consisted of sports events and a formal dinner dance.

Construction of a pipe line and pumping facility were completed at NALF Fentress.

August

1 The Supply Department received authority to modify Project Code entries on requisitions passed to the supply system.

4 Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Airborne Command Meeting was held at Oceana.

12 The Honorable Neville Trotter, MP, United Kingdom, visited Oceana for briefings and a tour of facilities.

13 Rear Admiral John J. O'Connor, Navy Chief of Chaplains, visited the Commanding Officer.

16-17 A two-day Bicentennial Air Show and Open House celebration was held for the general public. Approximately 50,000 persons visited the base. The famed Blue Angels performed both days.

18 Judge Henry L. Lam, District Court of Virginia Beach, was guest speaker at the Safe Drive Council Meeting.

20 Federal Women's Program Week area luncheon at Norfolk Naval Station O'Club attended by Oceana female employees.

29 Admiral I. C. Kidd, Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, visited the base to attend memorial services for VF-101 pilot.

During
August

Air Operations maintenance personnel were cited by COMNAVAIRLANT for two years of accident free operations.

Station administered E-4, 5 and 6 Advancement Examinations.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, OSCM Robert J. Walker, addressed regular August meeting of Oceana Master Chief Petty Officers.

September

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The Supply Department obtained real-time remote access capability on the ASO computer allowing asset status interrogation.

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Seventy Chiefs of Police from Virginia toured the base.

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Annual Combined Federal Campaign fund drive officially opened to run through October 31.

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Rear Admiral P. Crosby, SC, Aviation Supply Office Philadelphia, visited the base.

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NAVSUPSYSCOM established the ASCC (Aviation Supply Control Center) at ASO requiring NAS Oceana participation for all NORS/RMCS requisitions.

During
September

NAS Oceana entered a float in the annual Virginia Beach Neptune Festival.

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A major energy conservation project to replace all steam line insulation on the base was completed.

A contract was awarded to overlay the asphalt portion of Oceana's runways.

October

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Began providing supply support for four T-38 aircraft assigned to VF-43.

Project "Recover" was implemented for J79 aircraft jet engines at Oceana.

Oceana's mobile home rental rates were upped by Naval Facilities Engineering Command for all tenants.

- 9-12 NAS Oceana celebrated the Navy's 200th Anniversary with a Birthday Party at the O' Club, a marathon relay race, a CPO Ball, an Amateur Open Golf Tournament and a free family picnic.
- 16 Brigadier General S. Svartengren and several members of the Swedish Air Staff visited Oceana.
- NAS Oceana Federal Credit Union held Grand Opening Ceremonies for their new building.
- 20 Virginia Beach City Councilman J. Griffin and Mr. Roy Alphin, Chairman of the Virginia Beach Bicentennial Committee, presented an American Revolution Bicentennial Association Flag to NAS Oceana at ceremonies in front of the Administration Building.
- 23 Executive members of the Ted Bates Advertising Agency, the Navy Recruiting Command's new contract advertiser, visited Oceana for briefings and a tour of the base.
- 31 Mr. Dennis Hughes of Janes' All The World's Aircraft visited Oceana to photograph Fleet aircraft.
- During Rear Admiral James Scott, Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic, presented to NAS Oceana the COMNAVAIRLANT Golden Mike Award for internal communications and Aviation Safety Award for two years of accident free flight operations by station aircraft.
- October A flight trainer to permit extended simulated training in the TA-4J aircraft was accepted by the station.
- Addition to the Navy Exchange was completed.

November

- 1 Oceana's Navy Campus for Achievement Advisor opened his office in the Administration Building and commenced daily educational opportunities counseling of personnel.
- 4 Hosted Golden Wings Luncheon at the O' Club. Retired Rear Admiral R. L. Johnson was the guest speaker.
- Rear Admiral E. M. Kocker, SC, Commander Navy Resale System Office Brooklyn, made an orientation visit to the Navy Exchange and Commissary Store.
- 5 Administered E-7 and E-8 advancement examinations.
- 6 "America Express" program begun to provide supply support for F-14A aircraft operating from USS AMERICA.

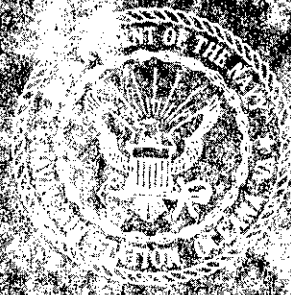
- 11 Rear Admiral G. A. Besbekos, DC, Commanding Officer, Navy Regional Dental Center Norfolk, visited the Oceana Dental Clinic.
- 17 The Supply Department was visited by the ASIG (Aviation Support Improvement Group) based at ASO for supply systems review.
- Rear Admiral P. A. Peck, Deputy Chief of Staff for Readiness and Resources on the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Staff, inspected F-14 RTS and FRAMP facilities.
- 20 The COMNAVAIRLANT Command Meeting and Safety Symposium was held at the O' Club.
- During November Twenty thousand handsome, red, white and blue Bicentennial Station Maps were made available for distribution during 1976.
- The contract for the rehabilitation of Building 303 was awarded.
- Work began on the operational spaces for the VACAPES FACSFAC project.
- December
- 4 Off-duty Education Opportunities Seminar was held for all Educational Services Officers, Career Counselors and interested personnel.
- During December Contract to print the Jet Observer base newspaper during 1976 with appropriated funds was awarded to Advance Division of Dear Publication and Radio, Inc., Elizabeth City, N. C.
- The F-14 FRAMP facility project contract was awarded.
- The contract to build a 4.5 million dollar combined medical-dental facility at Oceana was awarded.

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Captain Knutson Biography

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Captain Wilbert D. Knutson, a native of North Dakota, graduated with the class of 1952 from the U.S. Naval Academy and reported to Pensacola, Florida for flight training. In February, 1954, he was designated a Naval Aviator and reported to Composite Squadron Three (VC-3) at Moffett Field, California as a night fighter pilot. After a Western Pacific deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Shangri La (CVA-38) in 1955 and 1956, Captain Knutson was assigned to All Weather Fighter Squadron Three (VF(AW)-3) and Fighter Squadron One Hundred Twenty-Four (VF-124) as a Flight Instructor for the F3H-2 Deamon and F8U-1 Crusader aircraft from 1956 to 1958.

Captain Knutson was selected for the Naval Test Pilot School and graduated with class XXI in February 1959. He was subsequently assigned to the Service Test Division as a project test pilot participating in the development and evaluation of the F-4 Phantom II and F8U-2N Crusader aircraft and numerous jet engines. This duty was followed by a two-year tour as Landing Signal Officer of Carrier

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Air Group Six (CVW-6) in the carriers USS Intrepid (CVA-11) and USS Enterprise (CVA(N)-65).

In June 1963, he entered George Washington University and after a year of study received a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Captain Knutson reported to Fighter Squadron Eighty Four (VF-84) in 1964 as Operations Officer and deployed to Vietnam in June 1965 aboard the carrier USS Independence (CVA-62). From January to June 1966, he served as Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) Operations Officer. Captain Knutson commanded Fighter Squadron Thirty Three (VF-33) from 1967 to 1968 and deployed the first F-4J Phantom II squadron to Southeast Asia aboard the carrier USS America (CVA-66).

Captain Knutson served on the staff of Carrier Division Nine (COMCARDIV NINE) deployed to Southeast Asia aboard the carrier USS Hancock (CVA-19) from 1968 to 1969. He completed the course of instruction at the Naval War College, graduating with the class of 1970. After a six-month tour on the staff of Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in the Officer Personnel Section, Captain Knutson commanded Carrier Air Wing Seven from January 1971 to December 1971 aboard USS Independence (CVA-62). He assumed command of Fighter Wing One (COMFITWING ONE) in January 1972, a post he held until his assignment to command

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CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. MUKA, JR. Biography

Captain Joseph A. Muka, Jr., who was born (b) (6)

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His next tour of duty began in January 1958 at NAAS Chase Field, Beeville, Texas with ATU-203 (now VT-24) where he served as an advanced flight instructor and academic director of the ground school. Leaving Beeville in April 1961, Captain Muka reported aboard USS Bon Homme Richard for two deployments as Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer.

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Reporting to VF-124 in the fall of 1963, Captain Muka, then a Lieutenant Commander, transitioned to the F8 "Crusader." Assigned to VFP-63, he deployed aboard USS Ticonderoga in 1964. During this cruise he participated in reconnaissance flights over Laos and Vietnam and was a witness to the Tonkin Gulf Crisis of August 1964 which marked the first involvement of carrier aviation in the theater. Deploying again in 1965 to Vietnam, Captain Muka was the Officer-in-Charge of the photo detachments aboard USS Bon Homme Richard and USS Coral Sea.

In June 1966 Captain Muka reported to VF-124 as a combat flight instructor and was promoted to the rank of Commander on July 1, 1967. He left VF-124 as Operations Officer in January 1968 to assume duties as Executive Officer of the "Hunters" of VF-162. He assumed command in December 1968 and led the first deployment of the F8J aircraft.

From December, 1969 to December 1971, Captain Muka served first as Assistant Air Officer during the recommissioning of the USS Midway and subsequently as the Air Officer on the carrier's first deployment to the Western Pacific.

In January of 1972 Captain Muka reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. as Head of the Air Superiority Section under the Director, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Branch (OP-098), serving until February, 1975. It was during this tour of duty that he attained the rank of Captain on June 1, 1974. On March 31, 1975 Captain Muka assumed the duties of Naval Air Station Oceana's Executive Officer.

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Captain Muka holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, eleven Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal with star and Combat "V", Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", two Navy Unit Commendations (VFP-63 Det B and VFP-63 Det D), Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (VF-162 and USS Midway), and various campaign medals. He has also been awarded the Medal of Honor, Cross of Gallantry and Meritorious Unit Commendation by the Vietnamese Government.

Captain Muka is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). The Muka's have five children: (b) (6) (b) (6).



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